

**Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** January 30, 2024 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION(S):** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston  
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Sperry  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Stewart & Walls  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Colins and Nolan; Director Sharon Williams – Office of Employment & Training; Director Kevin Lynch – Department of Economic Development; Director Lisa Berger – Department of Tourism; Director Dennis Doyle – Department of Planning; Chief of Staff Jenn Zell & Acting Vice president for Administrative Services CJ Rioux – SUNY Ulster County Community College; Executive Director Jake Wedemeyer – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District; Executive Director Melanie Forstrom – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County; Deputy County Executive LaValle – UC Executive’s Office

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Chair Sperry called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Sperry explained the charge of the committee and asked department heads, guests and Legislators to introduce themselves.

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**Motion No. 1:** **Motion to Approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023 Meeting**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran  
  
**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes Approved**

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Resolutions for the February 13, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

**Resolution No. 9** – Establishing Capital Project No. 688 SUNY Ulster – Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance - Amending The 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program And The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 688 on behalf of SUNY Ulster to repair/replace the elevator in the Dewitt Library which was damaged by flooding.

**Motion No. 2:** **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 9**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Motion No. 3:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 9**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 11** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Intermunicipal Agreements With Various Municipalities For The Operation Of The Summer Youth Employment Program, Gun Violence Prevention Initiative, Youth Employment Program, Brighter Futures Initiative, And The Young Adult Employment Program – Office Of Employment And Training

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution authorizes the Chair to enter intermunicipal worksite agreements with various municipalities for operation of the Youth Employment Programs including: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funded Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and Youth Employment Program (YEP), the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funded year-round Young Adult Employment Program, Brighter Futures Initiative (BFI), and the Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI).

**Motion No. 4:** **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 11**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Motion No. 5:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 11**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Hewitt  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Clinton

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 12** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$63,495.00 Entered Into By The County – The Offset House, Inc. D/B/A Catamount Color – Department Of Tourism

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution a contract amendment with The Offset House, Inc. D/B/A Catamount Color in the amount of \$63,495.00 to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for the production and delivery of the annual Ulster County Travel Guide.

**Motion No. 6:** **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 12**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Motion No. 7:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 12**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 13** – Appointing Member And Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board For The City Of Kingston – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution appoints Howard Solomon and Suzanne Cahill to the Ulster County Planning Board as the representative and alternate representative, respectively, for the City of Kingston for terms commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2027.

**Motion No. 8:** **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 13**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Motion No. 9:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 13**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 14** – Authorizing The Chair To Sign Easement Agreement With Verizon New York, Inc. For Purposes Of Extinguishing An Easement On Lands Of The County Located On Golden Hill City Of Kingston – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution authorizes the Chair to sign agreements to extinguish an easement with Verizon on lands owned by Ulster County located on Golden Hill which current encroach on lands associated with the Golden Hill Housing Development project.

**Motion No. 10:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 14**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 15** – Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Housing Trust Fund (HTFC) As Part Of NYS Homes And Community Renewal For The Plus One ADU Program In Partnership With RUPCO And Various Municipalities – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution authorizes the Ulster County Executive or her designee to submit an application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for the Plus One ADU Program Round 2 in the amount of \$2 million.

**Motion No. 11:** **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 15**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Motion No. 12:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 15**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 38** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article III Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Determination Of Taxable Rent, To Be Held On Tuesday, March 19, 2024 At 7:00 PM

**Resolution Summary** – This resolution sets a public hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 At 7:00 PM to provide the public with an opportunity to offer comment on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024.

**Motion No. 13:** **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 38**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Motion No. 14:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 38**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Forthcoming Resolutions:** None

**New Business:** Chair Sperry advised the members of a number of vacancies on the Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors and lead a discussion of the committee’s upcoming candidate solicitation and interview process.

**Old Business:** None

## Adjournment

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 7:02 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**Adopted:** March 5, 2024

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